GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Adoption of Girl Children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of policy/ guidelines of the Government to encourage adoption of children by Indians and foreigners;
(b) the number of children who are waiting to be adopted in various Government run shelter homes, State/ UT-wise and gender-wise;
(c) whether girl child is less likely to be adopted due to the general outlook of parents in regard to the gender preferences and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) 3the measures taken by the Government to encourage adoption of girl child?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a): The detailed policy & guidelines for In-country & Inter-country adoptions of children by Indians and Foreigners are contained in the Adoption Regulations, 2017, which have been framed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority under Section 68(c) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and notified by the Government on 4th January 2017, under Section 2(3) of the said Act. These Regulations, in force in the country w.e.f. 16th January 2017, have been made keeping in mind the "best interests of the child" and would further streamline the process and bring in greater transparency.

(b): Orphan, abandoned and surrendered children in Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs) recognized by the State Governments/ UT Administrations are declared legally free for adoption by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and placed in adoption with the eligible Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) registered on the online application, Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS), as per the norms and procedures defined in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 and Adoption Regulations, 2017. The number of children available in the SAAs including those who are yet to be declared legally free by CWC (State/UT-wise and gender-wise), as recorded presently in the CARINGS by the respective agencies, is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): No gender bias against adoption of girl children has been observed. As reported by Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), the number of children adopted by the Indians and Foreigners during each of the last three years and the current year, gender-wise, State/UT, as recorded in the CARINGS is at Annexure-II

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